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In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) ~~A-shaping~~ An extrusion process for making pellets of a thermoplastic extrudable resin composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, plasticiser and optionally further additives, the plasticiser comprising a component which is solid at room temperature, wherein the process is run at a temperature above the melting point of the plasticiser and below the melting or plastification temperature of the thermoplastic polymer, wherein the temperature of material with an extruder is at least 40°C.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the plasticiser is present in the composition in at least 5%.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 4, wherein the temperature of the material within the extruder does not exceed a temperature which is 10°C, below the melting or plastification temperature of the thermoplastic polymer at any time.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the particle size of the raw materials used is below 2000µm.
8. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the plasticiser comprises a carbohydrate.

9. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 8, wherein the carbohydrate is selected from gluconic acids, amino sugars, sugar alcohols such as sorbitol, glucitol, mannitol, galactitol, dulcitol, xylitol, erythritol, isomaltutose and isomalt.
10. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 8, wherein the carbohydrate is selected from sorbitol, glucitol, mannitol, galactitol, dulcitol, xylitol, erythritol, isomaltutose and isomalt.
11. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is water-soluble or water dispersible.
12. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 11, wherein the thermoplastic polymer comprises PVOH or a derivative thereof.
13. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic polymer comprises poly(vinylpyrrolidone), poly(acrylic acid), poly(maleic acid), a cellulose derivative, poly(glycolide), poly(glycolic acid), poly(lactides), poly (lactic acid) and copolymers thereof.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 3, wherein the plasticiser is present in the composition in at least 10%.
17. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 16, wherein the plasticiser is present in the composition in at least 15%.

18. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 5, wherein the temperature of the material within the extruder does not exceed a temperature which is 15°C, below the melting or plastification temperature of the thermoplastic polymer at any time.
19. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 18, wherein the temperature of the material within the extruder does not exceed a temperature which is 30°C, below the melting or plastification temperature of the thermoplastic polymer at any time.
20. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 18, wherein the temperature of the material within the extruder does not exceed a temperature which is 45°C, below the melting or plastification temperature of the thermoplastic polymer at any time.